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SUBJECT: ECE: SIXTH SESSION OF SENIOR ADVISORS ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, JULY 4-8, 1977

REF: AGENDA ECE/SC TECH/14

1. SUMMARY: GUIDANCE IS PROVIDED FOR US DEL S AND T ADVISORS MEETING. PRIORITY ITEMS FOR US DEL ARE (4) TECHNOLOGY FORECASTING, (7) TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, AND UNCLASSIFIED

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(8C) CONFERENCES INCLUDING YOUNGER SCIENTISTS CALLED FOR IN HELSINKI FINAL ACT. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE IS KEYED TO CONFERENCE AGENDA:

(AGENDA 4) US DEL MAY SUPPORT ACTIONS PRESENTED IN TECH/R51. HE MAY NOTE IN REGARD TO PROPOSAL (B) IN R51

THAT METHODOLOGY OF CARRYING OUT TECHNOLOGICAL FORECASTS SHOULD NOT BE TIED TO A SINGLE MANUAL, SUCH AS THE CMEA, BUT SHOULD DRAW UPON EXPERIENCE OF OTHER SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS. HE MAY ALSO SUGGEST TECHNOLOGY FORECASTING ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE FOCUSSED ON RESTRICTED PROBLEM AREAS WHERE MEANINGFUL GOVT. ACTION IS POSSIBLE AND FORECASTS SHOULD BE IN CONTINGENCY FORM RATHER THAN UNIQUE PREDICTIONS.

IN SUPPORTING SEMINAR PROPOSAL FOR 1978, THE US DEL MAY PROPOSE THAT IT BE REGARDED AS PILOT PROJECT WHERE YOUNGER SCIENTISTS AND TECHNOLOGISTS ARE BROUGHT TOGETHER WITH EMINENT SPECIALISTS.

(AGENDA 5) US DEL SHOULD NOTE THE SUBMISSION OF UPDATED US INFORMATION IN MARCH 1977. HE MAY REFER TO THE VALUE OF THESE REPORTS AND THE CONTINUING UPDATING BY MEMBER COUNTRIES. SUCH EXCHANGES ARE USEFUL IN COMMUNICATIONS ON S AND T PROBLEMS AMONGST MEMBER COUNTRIES.

(AGENDA 6) US DEL SHOULD EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE OF CONSIDERING ENERGY PROPOSALS IN RELATION TO ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS. STUDIES ON ENERGY ISSUES SHOULD NOT BE ISOLATED FROM CONSIDERATION OF ECOLOGICAL BALANCES. IT IS TIME SAVING AND ECONOMICAL TO PLAN TECHNOLOGICAL PROJECTS ON INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL BASIS, AVOIDING THE NEED FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPENSIVE CLEANING UP LATER, AS WELL AS UNNECESSARY SHORT-RUN ADVERSE IMPACTS.

IN REGARD TO PROPOSAL ON TECHNOLOGIES FOR USING LOW CALORIE FUELS, US DEL SHOULD NOT ENCOURAGE THE BELIEF THAT US WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ECE INTERNATIONAL PROJECT AT THE VARNA LABORATORY IN BULGARIA. OUR RESOURCES FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THIS FIELD ARE PRESENTLY FULLY ENGAGED. WE WILL BE PREPARED TO EXAMINE PROJECTS DEVELOPED UNDER ECE SPONSORSHIP BY OTHER COUNTRIES TO DETERMINE WHETHER OUR PARTICIPATION WOULD HELP MEET OUR DOMESTIC OBJECTIVES. IN ADDITION WE ARE PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION IN THIS FIELD. US DEL MAY NOTE THE COMING AVAILABILITY OF THE PAPERS FROM THE VARNA CONFERENCE AND EXPRESS THE DESIRABILITY OF THEIR CONSIDERATION BY OTHER BODIES SUCH AS THE COAL AND GAS COMMITTEES.

IN REGARD TO UK PROPOSALS FOR COOPERATION IN TRANSPORT, ARCTIC RESEARCH AND SPACE MONITORING OF POLLUTION, THE US DEL MAY GIVE ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE PROPOSALS IN

ARCTIC RESEARCH AND SPACE MONITORING OF POLLUTION.
HE MAY INDICATE THAT THE PROPOSALS ON TRANSPORT APPEAR
TO BE COVERED IN OTHER FORUMS, AND AN ECE PROJECT MAY
NOT BE NEEDED. THE US DEL SHOULD SUPPORT INCLUSION
OF THE ARCTIC RESEARCH AND SPACE MONITORING OF
POLLUTION IN THE WORK PROGRAMME FOR 1978. HE MAY
SUGGEST THAT THESE PROJECTS BE CONSIDERED FOR BRINGING
TOGETHER YOUNGER SCIENTISTS AND EMINENT SPECIALISTS.

(AGENDA 7) US DEL MAY AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO THE

PROPOSED PREPARATION OF CASE STUDIES IN R/58. HE SHOULD OBJECT TO ANY EFFORT TO LIMIT THE CASE STUDIES TO TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS OR TO TREAT TNC'S LINCLASSIFIED

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DIFFERENTLY THAN OTHER SUPPLIERS. HE MAY REFER TO THE EXTREMELY DETAILED OUTLINE, WHICH WOULD REQUIRE A SIGNIFICANT OUTLAY OF RESOURCES TO SATISFY. WE ARE NOT ABLE TO ASSESS AT THIS TIME THE EXTENT TO WHICH WE MIGHT PROVIDE AN INPUT TO THE CASE STUDIES. WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR EXPRESSIONS FROM OTHER DELEGATIONS TO THE RESOURCES THEY EXPECT TO DEVOTE TO THIS EFFORT. US DEL MAY ALSO COMMENT ON THE CONTENT OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE, AND SUGGEST THAT THE CASE STUDIES ALSO INCLUDE MATERIAL ON THE IMPACT OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS ON THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN, I.E. THE IMPACT ON EMPLOYMENT, INVESTMENTS AND ON THE DIRECTION AND LEVEL OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

IN REGARD TO THE MANUAL ON LICENSING PROCEDURE, THE US DEL MAY EXPRESS OUR SATISFACTION WITH PROGRESS ON THE MANUAL. HE MAY STATE OUR WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE WORK ON THE MANUAL. THE DRAFTING INSTRUCTIONS APPEAR SATISFACTORY AND THE US WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEM. THE MANUAL SHOULD BE DRAFTED TO TAKE FULL ACCOUNT OF SIMILAR EFFORTS NOW GOING ON IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, AND TO COMPLEMENT, NOT DUPLICATE. WE ALSO ENCOURAGE OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO RESPOND FAVORABLY TO THIS REQUEST.

(AGENDA 8A) DELEGATION SHOULD SUPPORT THE CONTINUING EFFORTS OF THE STATISTICAL EXPERTS ON SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DATA WHILE NOTING THAT SUCH DATA IS VERY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN. COUNTRIES SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO ESTABLISH MEANS BY WHICH SUCH DATA CAN BE OBTAINED OUT OF ECONOMIC REPORTS. DELEGATION SHOULD GO ALONG WITH THE PROPOSAL SUGGESTED UNDER 4 PART C OF S.TECH.R./61 AWARE THAT DATA IS DIFFICULT TO COMPARE.

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(AGENDA 8B) THE DELEGATION SHOULD CONCUR IN ACTIVITIES IN PREPARATION FOR THE CONFERENCE ON S AND T FOR DEVELOPMENT AND, WHILE NOTING THE DELAYS SO FAR IN PREPARING FOR THE CONFERENCE, ALL COUNTRIES IN THE ECE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO SELECT SUBJECT ITEMS FOR NATIONAL PAPERS IN TIME TO BE REVIEWED AT THE COMING MEETING OF THE CSTD IN NEW YORK IN FEBRUARY, AND INSURE CONFERENCE PREPARATIONS ARE IN STEP WITH THE PLAN OF WORK AGREED ON AT THE PREPCOM IN 1977.

(AGENDA 8C) DOCUMENTATION NOT RECEIVED. US DEL SHOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR ACTION ON THE PORTIONS OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT AFFECTING ECE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

THE SECTION CALLING FOR SYMPOSIUMS AND CONFERENCES BRINGING TOGETHER YOUNGER WITH MORE MATURE SCIENTISTS MAY BE IMPLEMENTED THROUGH SUCH PROJECTS AS THE SEMINAR ON TECHNOLOGICAL FORECASTING, AND SIMILAR CONFERENCES ON THE ARCTIC AND REMOTE SENSORY MONITORING OF POLLUTION. THE US DEL SHOULD SEEK SUPPORT FOR INCLUSION OF THESE PROJECTS IN THE WORK PROGRAM.

(AGENDA 9) DOCUMENTATION NOT RECEIVED.

(AGENDA 10) DOCUMENTATION NOT RECEIVED.

(AGENDA 11) DOCUMENTATION NOT RECEIVED.

US DEL MAY AGREE TO ESTABLISH A SMALL WORKING GROUP TO CONSIDER THE PROGRAMME OF WORK WHILE THE S AND T ADVISORS MEETING IS GOING ON, PROVIDED THAT FULL OPPORTUNITY IS GIVEN TO CONSIDER THE WORK PROGRAMME IN PLENARY SESSION. CHRISTOPHER

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